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MARK LANE JAMES DELANEY GARST

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised as follows on August 25, 1964: (U)

MARK LANE visited the United Kingdom between April 14, 1964, when he arrived at London Airport from Copenhagen, and April 16 when he left London Airport for Amsterdam, Holland. A secret and reliable source of T-1 reported that he had attended the Eighth Congress of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) which was held in Budapest from March 31 to April 6, 1964. Continental press carried a story to the effect that he explained his views on the Kennedy assassination and asked the IADL to form an international committee of noted lawyers to discover the real circumstances under which the Kennedy assassination occurred. (5)

LANE returned to England on June 9, 1964, arriving at London Airport from Copenhagen, Denmark. He was accompanied by his fiancee, Miss ANNE-LISE DAPELSTEEN, a Gesigner, born May 15, 1941, traveling on a Danish passport No. 2301698. Shortly after his arrival he attended a press conference at the Airport which had been arranged by JAMES DELANEY GARST and at which LANE again expressed his views on the Kennedy assassination. He also told the reporters that BERTRAND RUSSELL had written to him to say that he wished to form an organization in England to be called the "Who Killed Kennedy Committee?". He went on to say that the Committee had now been formed, without a chairman, but with GARST as secretary. They have received some publicity in the British press, in particular in the "Daily Worker" of June 12 and 30, 1964. According to LANE, the objects of the Committee were to collect and disseminate all available information and evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and to insure justice for the Oswald family. T-1 has no information to show to what extent the Committee is actively pursuing these objects. (5)

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LANE was to have left England for Florence and Rome on June 14, 1964. He paid another visit to England between June 21, 1964, when he arrived at London Airport from Brussels, Belgium, and June 30, 1964, when he left London for New York, having been recalled to appear before the Warren Commission investigating President Kennedy's death. During this latter visit he did not come to T-1's attention.

With regard to the "Who Killed Kennedy Committee?", the secretary, JAMES DELANEY GARST, is taking a greater interest in the Anarchist movement. He left the United Kingdom for Detroit by air on June 30, 1964, and T-1 has no evidence of his return as yet. He has recently been under consideration for appointment as tutor in Extra-Mural Studies at the University of Dar-es-Salaam in Tanganyika. T-1 is unable to say whether he will obtain this appointment. (5)

T-l furnished a copy, which is attached, of an open letter issued by Lord BERTRAND RUSSELL at the time of the formation of the "Who Killed Kennedy Committee". The other members of the committee are listed in paragraph 2 of page 6. T-l pointed out that none of the members of the Committee were considered to be Communists, although they cover a large spectrum of left-wing opinions and have in varying degrees been publicly associated with organizations penetrated, and in some cases, controlled by the Communist Party of Great Britain.

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